



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of
JOSEPH A. ZIEROLF

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Examiner Edwyn Labaze

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT A

In response to the first Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please amend as set forth below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 16, beginning at line 2, replace the only paragraph under the heading "ABSTRACT" with the clean version of this paragraph which is set on page 2 hereof.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 14-17, 30-32, 37 and 50-52 with the clean version of each of these claims as set forth on pages 3 and 4 hereof.

Please add new claims 70-72 as set forth on page 5 hereof.

Please cancel claims 13, 20, 29 and 49 in their entirety, without prejudice

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